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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1907.
The greatest evils are within us; and from ourselves also we must look for our greatest good, too.—Jeremy Taylor.

BANKS AND DEMOCRACY.

In discussing the need of currency legislation with our Washington correspondent, Congressman John Lamb said:
"Above all, it is the duty of Democrats to fight this proposition for one central national bank. Andrew Jackson killed the old bank, and in doing so established a precedent and laid down a principle which the Democratic party has followed to this day."
It was not within the authority or power of Andrew Jackson to lay down an eternal Democratic principle, nor had he the right to establish an inviolable precedent for Democratic generations to follow.
Moreover, a United States bank was not opposed to Democratic principles. To the contrary the charter of the second bank of the United States in 1816 was the act of the Democratic—then called the Republican—party, and was opposed by the Federal party, which chartered the first bank. Nor was President Jackson opposed to a United States bank properly conducted as a government institution. So far from it, he proposed that if the State bank plan should not prove to be practicable, a national bank, under direct control of the Federal government, might be created by Congress.
General Jackson believed that "it was wrong to lend the financial power and resources of the country to any chartered monopoly." So did all true Democrats of his day believe, and so do all true Democrats of this day believe. But that does not mean that it would be undemocratic for the nation to have a central bank, provided it could be shown that such an institution would be the best solution of our financial problems. It could not be more undemocratic certainly than our present national bank system.

A RIGHT OF THE STATE.

In his address last night before the Education Conference at Roanoke, Dr. S. C. Mitchell did not hesitate to commit himself, with his usual frankness, to compulsory education. He declared that the attendance of all the children all the time was necessary. "If it is right," said he, "to tax one citizen to support the schools, it is right to compel parents to have their children profit by the advantages thus afforded. I believe that the people of Virginia are ripe for compulsory attendance, according to local option."

The blunder which most of us make in considering the question of public education is that we assume that the schools are conducted solely for the benefit and convenience of the children. Education at the public expense cannot be justified on that principle. As an abstract proposition, it is not just to tax one man to educate another man's child, and, therefore, not just to compel a man to send his child to school. But education at the public expense is bottomed on a very different principle. Popular education is for the benefit of the State, of society and of all our institutions. The schools are carried on as an adjunct of government, because they are essential to the best form of popular government. Hence the State insists that all citizens shall be taxed on their head and on their property for the support of the schools, and by the same token it has the right to say that all the children must be educated.

NO "ARGUMENTS" HERE.

Says a paragraph in the Boston Globe:
"Does the South expect to prove its long standing claim to 'chivalry' by its announced execution of Mrs. Bradley? It is to be acquiescent in the charge of murdering ex-Senator Brown? Or just what is the argument?"
What, in the opinion of the Boston Globe, constitutes "the South"? When did "the South" declare "its announced expectation" of the acquittal of Mrs. Bradley? How can a thoughtful and fair-minded newspaper mislead its readers into believing that the South's "claim" to anything is involved in the proceedings now under way in Washington?

A COLORADO WOMAN KILLS A UTAH MAN.

In Washington, D. C. That is the geography of the Brown-Bradley affair. We assume that our Northern contemporary is aware that Colorado is not "the South." We take it that it is aware that Utah is not "the South." We trust that it is aware that Washington, D. C., is not "the South." The fundamental fact about Washington is

that it is not the South, or the North, or the East, or the West. Its non-sectionality is its cardinal and original characteristic. If the Globe does not know how little the South, specifically, has to do with Washington at this time, let it inquire of some of its Democratic acquaintances.

To represent that acquittals under the so-called unwritten law are peculiar to this section of the country is to parade a provincial complacency not equaled by all "long standing claims" in the South in combination. This truth should by now have penetrated to even remotest New England. Whether it has or not, we trust that from its further cogitations upon this particular episode, our Boston contemporary will succeed in thoroughly dissociating "the South" with the performances of the Colorado affinity of a Utah Senator the South has nothing whatever to do. For the verdict which a Washington jury will render upon these performances the South positively rejects all responsibility. If our esteemed contemporary is looking, as it suggests, for "arguments" in this unenviable case, it will have to look elsewhere for them.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

The report of the Isthmian Canal Commission indicates that the work is progressing satisfactorily. In the Culbreth division the total excavations for 1906 were 1,506,582 yards; in 1907, 5,768,014 yards. That means that in 1908, most of the work was preparatory; now the actual work of construction is going on.

Up to this time the appropriations for the canal amount to \$78,608,585.55 and the expenditures, up to the time that the report closed, were \$48,255,110.37, leaving a balance of \$30,353,475.18.

Much money has been expended in sanitation, as a result of which the health of the workmen is good. There have been some outbreaks of yellow fever and smallpox, but the patients were promptly quarantined and the disease stamped out.

The average daily force of skilled and unskilled laborers of the commission and Panama Railroad, at the beginning of the fiscal year, was 19,600, and at its close 23,445. The average daily sick in quarters and in the hospitals for 1906-7 was 916. But the records for 1906-7 show a marked improvement in health conditions during the past year, mainly due to sanitation, better housing and better food supplies.

The commissioners have found it impracticable to let the work to contract and say that owing to the peculiar conditions it can be done better by the government's own force. Altogether, the report makes a satisfactory exhibit.

Our correspondent at Spencer, N. C., recently sent us the following interesting story:

"Leon Brown, a young son of Frank A. Brown, of Spencer, was bitten yesterday by a mad dog at Mr. Pleasant, where the lad was visiting his grandparents. He was brought to Spencer at once and a madstone, owned by Mrs. H. P. Dorsett, of Lexington, brought here and applied to the wound. The stone adhered for several hours and apparently relieved the swollen flesh on the limb of the suffering child. The dog was killed and its head sent to a specialist at Raleigh for examination, where it was decided that the dog had the rabies. The child is improving, and it is believed will recover."

We now challenge the Charlotte Observer to show that this child was not cured of dog bite by the madstone.

The Manchester (N. H.) Union prints an editorial on "Hunting Casualties," and deplores the annual loss of life among New Hampshire sportsmen. Richmond seems to be the only place in the world where, according to the editorial, indulgence in without even the assassination of a guide.

Dr. Wilfred M. Barton declares that Mrs. Bradley was insane at the time she fired the fatal shot. His conclusion is undoubtedly agree that Dr. Wilfred M. Barton is a thoroughly reliable man.

"At all events," says Miss Theodora Shonts, "I am going to marry in due season, and the public likes it or not." Well, isn't that the spirit in which girls usually marry their Dues?

When Joel Chandler Harris intimated that, for a man, he'd like to see a brass band at the Whitehouse, we suppose he meant, strictly, that he'd like to see another one there.

Scientists tell us that a man's brain is not so much heavier than a woman's. This is believed to be due to the fact that the man usually has the woman on his mind.

"Give us poetry or give us death," cried the Baltimore Sun. That is all well enough. No poet, however, has the right to give us both.

Some are beginning to fear that nothing short of transatlantic airships will ever put a real crimp in the schedules of the late Mr. Dingley.

Seven hundred British subjects are born at sea every year. A great many others are not born there, but are just the same.

Personally, we believe we know a steam radiator which has gotten seriously involved in somebody's \$5,000,000 conspiracy.

Meantime, Mr. Roosevelt would feel grateful to anybody who could tell him definitely whether or not he is going to run.

None the less those who always trusted in God are still doing it, whether they have any gold money or not.

Georgia is gloomily preparing to accustom herself to the driest mist ever seen south of Mason and Dixon's line.

"Martie's a Marthe," says a Boston Globe headline. It won't be long before she is telling things to him, either.

However, there is no real reason for thinking yet that Mr. Morgan is slated for Cortelyou's job.

You can still be an early Christmas shopper with your purchases for Christmas, 1908.

Many thousands of turkeys will be packed by noon to-morrow.

If a question is not seven feet long, it is not hypothetical.

CASTORIA
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

Rhymes for To-Day

WHAT BARDS WRITE ABOUT.



HOWEVER they search hard and gally,
However they scan the purple,
The bards who must verily daily
Cannot always find something new.
Hence, shrewd as they are phillanthropic,
They keep one picked theme—and stand pat!
And when they are stuck for a topic,
They write about that!

But even at that there are troubles,
And even at that there are pains—
To make the cule rhyme come in
And doublets,
To beat out the funny refrains,
And oft they sit muttering curses
And sighing: "I wish I was done!"
And when they should write verse,
They write about one.

And some days—and these are the worst ones—
They lose ALL their knack-with-the-
pen!
They cross out their last lines and first ones,
And write them and write them again,
And each thought that seems a bo-
nanza, and every scheme, which they
proceeded to blow over the audi-
ence. Immediately there was a panic
of sneezing that broke up the perform-
ance, and to many of the audience
to leave the building.
The men were caught in the act of
distributing the chemical over the
building, and were arrested by Patrol-
man Hobbs. A bottle of "Ka Choo"
powder was found in their possession,
and at the Central Police Station they
acknowledged their guilt.

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MERELY JOKING.

Over the Fence,
Norah—An' phwore do your misthress
be goin' to-night?
Bridget—Shure, she didn't inform me,
but I'm the best of friends with her
go in' to win iv thim comin' out parties—
Harvard Lampoon.

A Big Deal.

"Good mornin'," chirped the butcher,
"Are you in the market for anything this
mornin'?"
"Yes, I am in the market for a pound
of beefsteak. You may submit estimates
and proposals, if you like."—Kansas City
Journal.

All She Could Expect.

"Is your husband the visitor in a con-
fidential tone of voice?
"Not exactly. He replied the other, com-
placently. "But he's all right. He's got
his fourth, and I know 'em."—Milwaukee
Sentinel.

Accommodating.

"Say, yer honor," said the tough-looking
prisoner, "dis copper pinched me fer a vag.
Dis's no way to treat a gentleman of lea-
sure when banks are askin' thirty days'
notice."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Not Forging Ahead.

"What are you kicking about? You
have never been arrested," said the
chancellor.
"It is true I have never been arrested,"
returned the expert forger, "but every time
I have taken the trouble to write another
man's name on a check, that check has
come back marked 'Not sufficient funds.'"
—Luck.

Choice Position Gone.

"Him—Can I hope that you will keep a
table in your restaurant in the
Her—Nope. Corner lots all taken. Any
other location suit you?—Cleveland Leader.

Saw the End.

"What is the final end of man?" queried
the Sunday-school teacher.
The children looked at the small boy
at the foot of the class—Chicago News.

SPEAKING OF THE TIMES-DISPATCH.

SAYS the Washington Herald: "Mr. Sam-
uel W. Meek, business manager of the
Times-Dispatch, is in the city."
It was thoughtful of the Herald
to designate the gentleman as the busi-
ness manager, considering his name might
have caused us to pick him as an individ-
ual who writes the paragraphs of our
Richmond contemporary.—Houston Post.

The Times-Dispatch says that Richmond
has superior campaign cigars. And Vir-
ginia has the revenue of making some of
the candidates smoke Atlanta Constitution.

The Washington Herald having observed
that "many a freak statesman is an-
tirailed into office these days," the Rich-
mond Times-Dispatch, in a similar vein,
however, many another is getting re-
passed out. And the chances are that
when the reaction sets in most of them
will be side-tracked.—Bristol Herald-Courier.

The Times-Dispatch thinks it will be
hard "for two Harties to beat as one."—
Charlotte News.

"What's the use of steady plodding?"
asks a Virginia poet. Well, a great deal.
By that method we can always meet trou-
ble half-way.—Atlanta Constitution.

The local vigilance committee is much
exercised over the publication of the news
that good deer-hunting is to be found in
the streets of Richmond, fearing that it
will now be no longer possible to stem
the ever-increasing tide of would-be im-
migrants from Raleigh.—Richmond Times-
Dispatch.

The only emigrants who leave here
to take aboard in Richmond are not
water-borne or voluntary exiles. They are
few in number anyway, generally non-
users, and they go under protest, at the
urgent command of Judge Hanckle. As for
deportation, the Richmond Times-Dispatch
has already answered that yarn, but The T.-D.
did not dare publish our crushing com-
ments.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

THE MODERN IDEA SHOP

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COURT SUSTAINS CLAIM OF WIDOW

Refuses Appeal in Drinker Case, and Puts End to Long Litigation.

WOMAN WILL GET MONEY

In refusing an appeal yesterday in the case of H. H. Nolle vs. the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Willie A. Drinker and others, the Supreme Court put an end to litigation which has been pending for years, and allows the widow of the deceased insured to draw the full amount of \$5,000, which was on his life, save the premiums with interest paid by those who undertook to keep up the policy.

The case came up from the Law and Equity Court of Richmond, and the refusal of the appeal is a direct and final affirmation of the verdict of the lower court. Drinker was a Henrico man of small means, and his life is alleged to have been insured at the instance of W. L. Staggs, who agreed to find men who would keep up the premiums in consideration of \$5,000 of the \$5,000 at the time of Drinker's death. City Sergeant James C. Smith and M. Kelly were among those who entered the agreement. Drinker lived longer than was expected, and some of the parties assigned their interests to others. When he finally died, the company refused to pay over the money to any of the disputants, but preferred to deposit it to the credit of the court, for such action as that tribunal might see fit to take. The widow wins a complete victory.

Brief Capital Notes.
Governor Swanson is expected to return from Roanoke this morning, and be in his office to-day. He went to attend the State educational rally. He is expected to program to preside at the opening session.
A large number of members-elect of the General Assembly have failed to comply with the clause of the Barksdale pure elections law, requiring them to file their expense accounts with the clerk of the Commonwealth. Forty members of the General Assembly, of three Senators have complied with the law. The delinquents have until December 5th to send in their accounts. If they fail to do so, they will be disqualified to hold their seats. They will all very probably report within the next few days.

NOTABLE WOMAN DIES.

Mrs. Fannie Vandegrift, former Post-mistress, Passes Away.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTE, Va., November 26.—Mrs. Fannie Vandegrift, a former postmistress at the University of Virginia, died at her home in this city at 10 o'clock this morning. She was 85 years of age.

Four years ago she fell from a buggy and since that time had been practically an invalid. She was the oldest member of the First Methodist Church, of this city having joined the church in 1839, under the ministry of the Rev. D. S. Doggett, who afterwards became Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia. She was the mother of the late Dr. J. H. Doggett, who was a member of the First Church. She is survived by two brothers and one sister.

DISMISS TRESPASS CASE.

Policeman Thus Charged By Property Owner, Is Discharged.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, Va., November 26.—Patrolman Charles R. Coley was arraigned in the Police Court to-day and dismissed on a charge of trespass, preferred by Mrs. J. H. Bell, of No. 145 Avenue A, Atlantic City. Mrs. Bell alleged that the patrolman entered her property and carried off a large quantity of her goods, and that he refused to return them. The case was dismissed on the ground that the patrolman was acting in the line of his duty.

FINE PRICES FOR TOBACCO.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHATHAM, Va., November 26.—W. L. Haynes, of Pittsylvania county, near this place, has sold a load of tobacco on the Danville market, for part of which he realized 50 cents per pound. R. M. Shields, living on the farm adjoining Haynes', recently sold a load on the same market, realizing 40 cents per pound for 750 pounds. So far tobacco has been bringing good prices, and the farmers expressed themselves satisfied in most cases.

TO ATTEND LIVE STOCK SHOW.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BLAIR, Va., November 26.—Dean W. J. Quick and seven students of the agricultural department will leave next week to attend the International Live Stock Show at Chicago. Quite a party made this trip last year, and the opportunity for seeing fine stock and the methods pursued in